



RE: Enviro Bus Buck Grant Program for Environmental Education Field Trips

The Mojave Environmental Education Consortium (MEEC) links teachers with high quality environmental education resources to improve the environmental literacy of High Desert and Antelope Valley students. For the third year, MEEC will be offering transportation grants for environmental education field trips to schools located in the Mojave Desert and Antelope Valley.

The field trips will be designed to allow students to study environmental and science issues up close and personal, via field trips to local sites such as power plants, glass plants, cement plants, water treatment plants, aeronautics, and hazardous waste collection facilities. During the field trips, students will learn about the scientific processes undertaken by the host agencies, and the environmental solutions they are implementing on a day-to-day basis. Each field trip will last an average of six hours, and the transportation will be provided by the transportation department with whom the school is contracted. Funding for bus transportation will be arranged and funded by MEEC's Grant Program. Time and date of field trip will be arranged between grant recipients, MEEC staff and field trip site facilitators.

All schools and grade levels are encouraged to apply for the grants, as there will be sixteen grants available for the 2006/2007 school year. We will start scheduling the field trips in December. Grant recipients will be selected on the basis of responses made on the attached application.

Please fill out the application form completely, and return it by October 15, 2006. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Cheryl Bennett, Community Relations and Education Specialist at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6101.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Bennett
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